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News Briefs

NCOA grads

Congratulations to **Tech. Sgts. Anthony Brown**, 469th Air Base Group Clinic and **Brian McHugh**, 469th ABG Communications Flight (*Distinguished Graduate*), who graduated from Kisling NCO Academy Class 2004-4 Wednesday.

ALS grads

Congratulations to **Senior Airmen Kevin Brock**, 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight; **Melissa Cone**, **David Marshburn**, **Jason Patterson** and **Carlos Perez**, all from the 726th Air Mobility Squadron, who graduated from the Ramstein Airman Leadership School Class 2004-4 March 24.

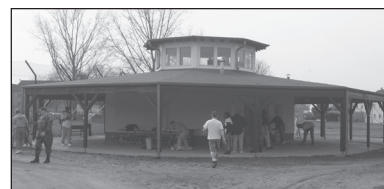
Quarterly awards

Congratulations to the 469th Air Base Group 2004 2nd Quarter award winners:

Airman Category – **Airman 1st Class Scott Harris**, security forces flight; NCO Category – **Staff Sgt. Claudia Van Hassel**, clinic; Senior NCO Category – **Master Sgt. Rahim Saafir**, commander's support staff; CGO Category – **2nd Lt. Uriah Orland**, public affairs; Category I Civilian – **Noel Van Hassel**, finance; Category II Civilian – **Carole Beasley**, family support center.

Record setters

Congratulations to the 726th Air Mobility Squadron and Team Rhein-Main who set an Air Mobility Command record for passengers handled in a single month with 64,552 served in March.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers

A new skin

(Left) **Airman 1st Class Carmen Fisher**, 469th Air Base Group Airfield Management Operations Flight, adds a coat of paint to the youth fields pavilion (pictured above) during the base Spring clean-up March 18. Base residents spent March 19 sprucing up the Gateway Gardens housing area as part of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe's Combat Proud program.

R-M pride shows through

Combat Proud gives base make-over; program a team effort

By **Master Sgt. Donald Anderson**
469th ABG Civil Engineer Flight

It's been several months now since Combat Proud was initiated and the base has made great strides in the appearance of the installation.

Through teamwork, Rhein-Main has been able to remove several eyesores that had been accumulating over the years.

In order to eliminate some of these, a Combat Proud Clean Sweep Program was established. The team heads out each

Monday, Wednesday and Friday to police the base of trash and debris.

A special thanks is in order for the organizations that have given up an ever so scarce resource on this installation – manning – to conduct this detail.

Some other initiatives conducted through the winter months were self-help projects to demolish two buildings, paint the youth ball field concession stand and clean up the Halvorsen-Tunner American School playground area.

The base maintenance contractor has completed many small exterior painting projects, such as the privately owned vehicle inspection facility, two transformer stations, and the fire

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Be SMART while enjoying spring activities

By Tech. Sgt. Bob Purtiman
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – The coming of spring is right around the corner. Soon families will take to the roads of Europe to enjoy spring break and, unfortunately, some may not make it back.

According to U. S. Air Forces in Europe safety officials, spring break is traditionally a period of increased risk. The safety office is working to get the word out so everyone makes it home from their hard-earned vacations.

Enter Project SMART.

Short for Smartly Managing Awareness, Risk and Threats, the program objective is to promote the safety culture with a focus on personal risk management.

“With spring break on the horizon, many families will be planning vacations or extended weekend excursions,” said Gen. Robert H. “Doc” Foglesong, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander. “It’s really important that they all come back safely – every active duty and civilian member and their families are part of our USAFE team.”

Before members depart on their spring

break adventures, commanders should meet with their troops and emphasize the use of risk management in all activities, especially since motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death and lost duty time, the general added.

During the last four years, eight USAFE members have lost their lives in preventable vehicle mishaps. An additional 150 were injured in preventable mishaps while engaged in on- and off-duty activities.

“Preventable injuries undermine our mission readiness,” said General Foglesong. “More importantly, they take

a toll on loved ones, friends and coworkers of members involved. As commanders and supervisors, the responsibility is squarely on our shoulders to do all we can to reduce mishaps.”

The April Project SMART theme is “Ride SMART” – targeted for motorcycle riders, however, the messages apply to everyone.

“No one is immune to vehicle mishaps regardless of the number of wheels under them,” said Col. Scott Adams, USAFE safety director. “Driv-

ing is an activity where you can be doing everything right and still be involved in a mishap.”

According to Colonel Adams, commanders and supervisors must remind vehicle operators of two essentials:

1) Don’t increase the risk by driving while fatigued or going too fast for conditions;

2) Motorcyclists must always wear the right gear.

“Supervisors should ensure each member has a smart vacation plan and review it with them,” the colonel explained. “People should perform a vehicle inspection before they depart using the checklist on the safety directorate Website under Ground Safety POV inspection checklist at <https://wwwmil.usafe.af.mil/direct/se/SEG/Doc16.doc>. If your subordinate’s vehicle is high risk or the member is young or inexperienced, help them through the inspection.”

The bottom line for the command is to have everyone safely home after the break.

“We need every member to return safely after enjoying spring break, ready to meet the needs of our nation,” said General Foglesong. “Be smart about how you take on your spring break activities and enjoy the spring season.”



Prayer for breakfast

Chaplain (Col.) Stephen Frick, U.S. Air Forces in Europe command chaplain, delivers his message, entitled “The Little Old Man and People Who Care,” during Rhein-Main’s National Prayer Breakfast March 25 at the Zeppelinhäus. More than 50 members of Team Rhein-Main attended the banquet hosted by the base chapel. The National Prayer Breakfast is an interfaith endeavor which provides the opportunity for personnel to reaffirm the moral and spiritual values the United States was founded upon.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers



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Are you serious?

Lt. Gen. William Welser III, 18th Air Force commander, shows his surprise at being “coined” by Senior Airman Michael Lewis, deployed to the 726th Air Mobility Squadron from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., (center) during the general’s visit to the squadron’s aircraft services section March 26. Airman 1st Class Michael Wile, 726th AMS, (right) stands ready with coin in hand. General Welser commands Air Mobility Command’s warfighting numbered air force which is responsible for tasking and executing all air mobility missions. The general also visited with deployed aircrews and maintenance personnel.



Project Connect

Special interest program sets new relationships in motion

By 1st Lt. Elizabeth Aptekar
USAFE News Service

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany – With the theme of “Shaping the Future through Shared Experience”, motivational speaker and comedian, Andy Andrews performed for company grade officers April 1 at Aviano Air Base, Italy, and here today, kicking off the first Project Connect events within the theater.

The events highlight Project Connect, the newest of 14 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Combat and Special Interest Programs, designed to provide a forum for “more” experienced officers (field grade and above) to counsel and enhance the individual professional development of junior officers on a one-on-one basis.

“Phase One of Project Connect focuses on officer mentorship, but in time it will evolve and incorporate the Total Force – enlisted as well as the civilian force,” said Capt. Walfrido Contreras, USAFE Project Connect program manager.

“Supervisors are still considered the front-line mentors,” he said. “This program capitalizes on existing resources and programs to augment each supervisor’s efforts with developing each Airman to their full potential.”

The program is designed to prepare junior members for greater responsibilities focusing on the following areas: professional development, career guidance, shared history and experience of senior leaders and internalization of Air Force core values.

Project Connect ensures senior and junior people get connected

and will provide mentoring opportunities in a variety of formats, from mentoring calls, shadow programs, enhancement seminars to one-on-one sessions.

“Shared time and expertise are pivotal to future force development,” said Col. Rich Weathers, USAFE senior mentor. “This program offers an outstanding opportunity to expand knowledge to our future Air Force leaders. It’s our responsibility as senior leaders to seize this opportunity. Remember, the CGOs today are our senior leaders tomorrow - it only takes a minute for a senior leader to make an impact in someone’s career.”

Another way to get connected anywhere, which takes minutes, is the use of a new, web-based tool, Connect Web Version 1.

“Connect Web will leverage information technology and facilitate our ability to mentor and be mentored,” Captain Contreras explained. “Regardless of a person’s physical location, Connect Web will help people find the right mentor based on their current developmental goals.”

For people interested in learning more about mentoring, computer-based training is available at: https://www.smartforce.com/learning_community/Custom/USAF/login.asp. People must register to logon. Once registered and logged on, members can use the search function to find mentorship training modules.

More information regarding mentorship training or program activities can be obtained by contacting local base Project Connect program managers. The Project Connect point-of-contact at Rhein-Main is 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland.



Project SMART

Ask yourself 'Is this the safest way?'

By Harald Feuerstein

469th Air Base Group Safety Office

The latest U.S. Air Forces in Europe Combat and Special Interest Program is Project SMART (Smartly Managing Awareness, Risk and Threats).

The 469th Air Base Group Project SMART program is designed to proactively assess, and mitigate threats to the safety of Rhein-Main personnel and resources.

Project SMART provides additional tools for personnel to seek and eliminate these threats before they cause a mishap. It seems as if there are never enough people or resources that we would like to have in order to accomplish the mission.

It's in everyone's best interest to take a moment, take a step back and evaluate the way we do business. We should continuously strive to improve the way we conduct our operations.

Before beginning a task, ask yourself, "Is this the best or safest way to accomplish this task?" Use the operational risk management process to "Smartly Manage Awareness, Risk and Threats." It's up to each of us to be SMART in the conduct of our everyday business.

Each and every one of you is our nation's most valuable resource and it's up to you to preserve that resource. So take a few seconds to read:

Accident surgeons have reconstructed down to the last detail what happens with an impact of 50 mph (80 kph) on a fixed object and

how it relates to the non-seat belted driver.

Here are the last seven-tenths of a second in the life of a stubborn/ignorant person:

■ 0.7 seconds: The front bumper and the radiator cowl crack with an ear-deafening bang; both are crushed.

■ 0.6 seconds: Your body moves forward. At a speed of 50 mph (80 kph) you have a weight of more than 6,614 pounds (3,000 kilograms) and you're lifted up out of your seat with a force 20 times that of normal gravity. Your legs break in your knee joints.

■ 0.5 seconds: Your body takes off out of your seat, the trunk is raised stiffly, and the broken knee joints are pressed against the dashboard. Under the pressure of your hands the steering wheel starts to bend.

■ 0.4 seconds: 24 inches (60 centimeters) of the front of your car are already totally deformed. The engine – now having a weight of more than half a ton – bumps against the obstacle.

■ 0.3 seconds: Your hands, tensed up in fear of death, bend the steering wheel almost up to the dashboard; the joints and the forearms break. Due to the permanent gravity you bump with full force on the steering column. Splinters get into your chest, tear holes in your lungs and tatter the internal arteries.

■ 0.2 seconds: Your feet will be torn out of your shoes, the brake-pedal breaks off, and the passenger cell kinks in the middle. Bolts break off, screws rip and glass splinters rush through the air like bullets. Your head crashes against the

The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.

The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.

If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.

Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.

The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf.

If you have any questions, call the 469th ABG/PA office at 330-7804 or e-mail at Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil.

Col. Bradley Denison
Commander, 469th Air Base Group

330-7779

frame of the windshield. There's no more time left for you to scream.

■ 0.1 seconds: The car bends. Blood shoots from your mouth. Due to the shock, your heart stops beating.

■ 0.0 seconds: You're dead!!!

You could have survived with your seatbelt fastened.

the **Galeway**

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Warriors of the Week



Staff Sgt. Claudia Van Hassel

Unit: 469th Air Base Group
Time in service: 5.5 years
Time at Rhein-Main: 8 months
Duty Title: NCOIC of Life Skills Support Center
Hometown: Lima, Peru
Hobbies: Traveling, theater, books
What has been your best AF experience? The people I've met along the way.



Ray Cartagena

Unit: 469th Air Base Group
Time in service: 7 years in Army/12 years DoD
Time at Rhein-Main: 9 years
Duty Title: Network Manager
Hometown: Ponce, Puerto Rico
Hobbies: Ping pong, basketball
What has been your best AF experience? Bringing 30 buildings onto the base network in two years at the Rhein-Main network control center.

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prevention building. Many more buildings will be painted this spring and summer.

Facility managers and members of the community should take a look around buildings to see what organizations can do to continue to improve the appearance of the facility. It doesn't have to be the same magnitude of work; rather it can be small in scope.

Some examples are painting the trim around entrances, seeding and fertilizing grounds, or ensure trashcans and dumpsters are emptied. Furthermore, walking around facilities to ensure exterior lights are not on during daylight hours and picking up trash that may be

lying around will certainly make an immediate and significant impact.

One might not think these

things can help in the general appearance of the base, but collectively, with all the organizations pitching in it will eliminate many unsightly problems.

For those who ask, "why spend the time, effort and money on this?"

Simply put — Rhein-Main is still one of the busiest bases in U.S. Air Forces in Europe. As a result, there are many dignitaries who pass through the installation and they're always looking at the base. More importantly, this is our workplace and home.

Rhein-Main shows pride of ownership and maintains high standards when everyone maintains a professional appearance in the work environment — all the way up to the day the gates close.

On behalf of Maj. Shawn Moore, 469th Air Base Group Civil Engineer Flight commander and Combat Proud, thank you to everyone for the superb efforts put forth to make Combat Proud a success.

Combat Proud

Improving the appearance of our bases to foster pride and productivity and strengthen the commitment to our professional military way of life.

New family, goal day policy

In order to show appreciation for the dedication, hard work and high personal tempo of the entire 435th Air Base Wing and to provide a means of compensation, Brig. Gen. Rosanne Bailey, 435th ABW commander, is continuing the wing family day and goal day program in accordance with U.S. Air Forces in Europe guidance.

Four goal days and two family days remain in FY04. On these days, military members receive a day off and civilians can take leave or use comp time.

Goal days recognize superior readiness and mission accomplishment. The new goal day criteria are designed so that every member contributes to earning a day off.

Goal and family days include:

- April 9 - Goal Day
- May 28 - Family Day
- June 11 - Goal Day
- July 6 - Family Day
- Aug. 6 - Goal Day
- Sept. 3 - Goal Day

Base conducts readiness exercise

Scenario test first responders, command and control reactions to simulated terrorist action

By 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland
Public Affairs

Members of the 469th Air Base Group, 726th Air Mobility Squadron and tenant agencies demonstrated the ability to provide an integrated response to a terrorist attack Tuesday.

The exercise tested how base agencies responded to a simulated suitcase bomb, infrastructure damage caused by the explosion and several casualties.

The exercise team, headed by Capt. Richard Macalino, Rhein-Main lead exercise evaluator, focused on Rhein-Main's emergency and contingency plans, command and control, emergency response forces and other support teams.

"This exercise will help us fine-tune our processes in preparation for any real world event or a EURO THUNDER inspection by the USAFE Inspector General," said Captain Macalino.

It will also help validate improvements the base made to its full spectrum threat response, according to Captain Macalino.

Each base agency and tenant units should implement the appropriate force protection condition plans during these exercises.

"We will be conducting similar exercises in the future to test our response to natural and physical threats," he said. "These threats include, but are not limited to, terrorist use of weapons of mass destruction,



Photos by Staff Sgt. Matt Summers

Airman 1st Class Christopher Sumner, 469th Air Base Group firefighter, assesses the condition of a simulated victim while his fellow firefighters attend to another simulated casualty. Tech. Sgt. James Cunningham, Exercise Evaluation Team member, evaluates the firefighters' performance.

natural disasters, major accidents, and enemy attack.

"Success in our ability to survive an attack and maintain operations depends

on everyone knowing what force protection condition (FPCON) the base is in," he added. "Equally important to know is why the base is in that FPCON so that personnel can report any suspicious activities immediately."

During these exercises, everyone should be patient and ex-

pect delays with services around the base as leadership test our ability to function during heightened FPCON levels.



(Left to right) Tech. Sgt. John Williams, 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight and Staff Sgt. Andrew Hallead plot a security cordon on a map during the exercise Tuesday.

EURO THUNDER

The EURO THUNDER Inspection is an evaluation of a unit's integrated full spectrum threat response to emergency scenarios.

In accordance with Air Force Policy Directive 10-25, Full Spectrum Threat Response Planning and Operations, the Inspector General will conduct no-notice exercises to test an installation's ability to provide an integrated response to a full spectrum of physical threats.

These threats include, but are not limited to, terrorist use of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), natural disasters, major accidents, and enemy attack.

Commanders must be prepared to confront the full spectrum of physical threats and provide for the protection of personnel and installation resources.

This inspection is designed to capture the complete incident response cycle, from planning to response, ability to maintain mission capability, and recovery.

The inspection consists of the following major-rated areas: emergency and contingency response plans, command, control and communications, disaster response group (DCG) function, unit control centers, emergency response forces, support and recovery teams.

AFRTS looks to expand service

Network adds 24-hour family, movie channels to line-up

By Staff Sgt. Jerome Baysmore

31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — American Forces Radio and Television Service officials from the Defense Media Center at March Air Reserve Base, Calif. are working to expand American Forces Network service with two new channels soon.

Officials visited Aviano Monday to explain their approach in providing the upcoming 24-hour family and movie channels to complement the Atlantic, Pacific and spectrum channels.

"We're looking to expand our services because we know our audience wants more and more, and we don't blame them," said Lawrence Marotta, American Forces Network chief of television division. "American television is exploding, and we need to reflect that. We are in the planning stages of putting together a family channel and a movie channel."

Mr. Marotta explained the family channel is aimed at an 18 and under audience featuring daytime programs for youths, after-school hour programs for teens and family-oriented movies during primetime hours.

The movie channel is focused at the over-18 audience with movies and entertainment and profiles of actors, directors and movies. The movie channel is based on a 24-hour schedule with a primetime double feature nightly and a weekly release of a new movie every Saturday night.

"It will be a cross between an 'HBO' or 'TNT,' but the difference is, we'll have all the movies in Hollywood available to us to acquire," he said. "We have a lot of things up our sleeve, and we're looking forward to it."

The Defense Media Center is the sole programming source for military radio and television outlets overseas. These outlets serve American service men and women, Department of Defense civilians, and their families stationed in over 175 countries around

the world where English language broadcast service is unavailable or inadequate. The DMC is responsible for reflecting an accurate cross-section of what is widely available to stateside audiences of the American radio and television industry.

"Each of the networks has three hours of programming, so you have about 15 hours competing against each other on commercial television," said Mr. Marotta. "We're presenting maybe five. We basically take the 'cream of the crop.' We make sure that only established shows that would be doing well with our audience - if they were back in the states - are programmed to get on the air."

AFRTS provides "a touch of home" by presenting radio and television news, sports, information, and entertainment programming. This is made possible by the generous cooperation and support of United States performing guilds, unions, and federations. AFRTS is not charged performance rights or residual fees for its

programming. That allows program owners and syndicators to make their products available to AFRTS for free, or at a fraction of the cost that would be paid by commercial radio or television stations.

"Primarily news and sports, generally speaking, we pay no fees," said Tom Weber, AFRTS director of the industry liaison office. "The entertainment programming - on occasion - we get at no cost such as: series, specials or one-time only shows."

"We hold administrative agreements through major companies who permit use of their programs when they're owned by the parent company

outright," he added. "We inquire to see if the show's available at no cost by using our 'first-line approach' to see if we can wrestle it for free. Some we win, some we don't."

Mr. Weber explained all sports programming and news are provided free, and they try to acquire as many shows possible. But when costs are involved, they pay the same price.

"We pay the same costs a-la carte per hour fee for a low-rated show as a top-rated show" he said. "We have to reflect all forms and formats of television. We don't distinguish one from the other in terms of cost. We have limited real estate, but we access to the best programs in the world."



For the latest AFN-Europe radio and television schedules, log on to
<http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/index.asp>.



Rhein-Main Office

The Rhein-Main USO office is looking for volunteers to help support inbound/outbound troops during the current manning shortage in the office.

The office no longer

requires volunteers to stay for four-hour shifts. Volunteers can donate whatever time they have available. The office needs up to four volunteers per shift.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign-up instead of just

showing up at the terminal to help the office plan.

For more information, contact Airman 1st Class Sam Sells or Celeste Warner-Heymann.

Airman with a capital 'A'



*By Gen.
John Jumper
Chief of Staff*

WASHINGTON — I am an Airman.

Note that is with a capital "A." It is just one letter at the beginning of the word, but it signifies a great deal. The reason it is capitalized is simple: Airmen in the United States Air Force are the heart and soul of our unique fighting force, and should be identified by a proper noun.

As young children, when we began to read, we learned a capital letter at the front of a word signified something special or important, like our

own name, our hometown, and our country. This was reinforced throughout our education and professional life.

When we see a capital letter, our minds automatically emphasize that word, and we bestow an increased importance on that person, place, or thing. It is time to

formally add our profession to that list of important and special nouns.

You may have seen or heard something about my guidance to capitalize the word "Airman." It is appropriate to do so, in recognition of our rich history, and to emphasize our unparalleled role in the defense of America.

Our Air Force is the finest air and space force in the world because of the generations of professional Airmen who have devoted their lives to dominating the skies. Capitalizing the word "Airman" recognizes their historic achievements and signifies our unique contributions to fighting and winning America's wars. It shows we have earned the respect a proper name imparts.

For 38 years of my life, I have been proud to wear the uniform of the United States Air Force. And, whether you have worn it as long as I have or have just recently joined our team, I know we all feel the same sense of pride. Regardless of the uniform we wear, the specialty we hold, the badge over our pocket, and whether we are active duty, Guard, Reserve, or civilian, first and foremost, we are Airmen.

We are one Air Force and we are Airmen.

(Courtesy Air Force Print News)

Volunteer for the right reasons

By Master Sgt. Clyde Hickerson
65th Medical Group first sergeant

LAJES FIELD, AZORES — I heard a commercial the other day that gave me cause to pause. It stated that a good reason to volunteer was to get that great enlisted performance report bullet.

I couldn't help but think that it seemed somewhat misguided. For military members we spend a great deal of our time working to fit the "whole person concept."

This means we perform our duties, stay fit, work to improve ourselves, and are good citizens by giving back to the community in which we live.

The spirit of volunteerism, help ourselves by helping others. It should be an unselfish motivation.

"Service Before Self" holds we place our duty to the Air Force and our country before our own personal desires.

I believe that should also hold true when we are not in uniform. Our volunteer service away from the work center should be a charitable effort not jaded with a desire for personal glory that seems to wash away any honor and giving which should be the driving force behind our actions.

To freely give of yourself to benefit others while expecting nothing in return is the noblest of deeds.

The personal motivation to go out and give to the local community should be the enjoyment of what you are doing and the satisfaction of knowing you have made a better place for everyone.

However, it is incumbent upon those who are in a position of leadership to recognize the timeless efforts of those who volunteer. We need to give them the peace of mind that their actions will be properly acknowledged and documented so those who see their history will

Volunteer month

The Rhein-Main Family Support Center and 469th Air Base Group Services Flight sponsor the National Volunteer Month Appreciation Day April 24 at the youth center and base theater.

A free cook-out is set to begin at noon at the youth center, with the movie "Cheaper by the Dozen," to start at 1 p.m. in the theater.

Free tickets are available at the FSC. Call 330-7992 for more details.

know of their outstanding contributions.

In the end, I hope anyone who gives their time and effort to help others and the community is acknowledged.

Whether this is an EPR bullet or a simple pat on the back and a "thank you", it should always be secondary to the personal satisfaction and pride realized from a job well done.

Volunteer — for the right reasons.

Library offers 'quest' for info, prizes

Sembach Air Base, Germany — Do you like searching for just the right answer? How about prowling around on a really good database? Need help with that college assignment and don't know where to look? Well, take part in the base library's Information Quest and do all that as well as learning about some great aids for your college and professional careers.

Information Quest lasts from April 15 to May 15 and is sponsored through U.S. Air Forces in Europe Libraries' Project Wizard. It's designed to familiarize the USAFE community with the many great on-line databases available for use in the library, in the office, and at home — a true virtual library available for use when and where people need it.

Upon sign-up at the base library, Information Quest contestants will receive a complete list of questions and an answer sheet. All questions must be answered using the USAFE virtual library — and don't worry, contestants will be given plenty of hints.

The an-

swer sheets are due back to the library by noon May 15.

Library staffs will validate the answers and enter those with at least 10 correct answers in a box for a drawing for books and phone cards.

If contestants answer at least 50 questions correctly, they'll be eligible for a drawing for a flash drive and an MP3 player to be

given away at each base library. Everyone will be eligible for the USAFE Grand Prize of a digital camera.

"Information Quest is a fun way to learn about the great resources available at our libraries," said Melinda Mosley, USAFE command librarian. "I think people will be amazed at where their search for answers leads them and how useful this will be in the future."

Over \$5,500 in prizes will be awarded throughout the command. The contest is open to those 18 years and older who are eligible for a USAFE library card.

(Courtesy of USAFE Services)

Library hours

Hours of the Rhein-Main Air Base Library, Bldg. 610 are as follows:

■ noon to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays

■ noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays

■ closed Sundays and Mondays

For more information, call 330-6494.



DUI Tracker

Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)

469th Air Base Group

No DUIs in 2004

726th Air Mobility Squadron

64 days

64th Replacement Company

No DUIs in 2004

Tenant Units

No DUIs in 2004

Others

77 days

Col. Bradley Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander, signed a policy letter Feb. 6 concerning driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

This DUI policy applies to all Air Force persons — active duty, civilian employees and family members within Team Rhein-Main.

The purpose of the policy is to



emphasize the seriousness of DUI offenses by ensuring that all persons are aware of the ramifications of drunk driving.

Effect Feb. 6, all active-duty members, civilian employees and sponsors of family members who are arrested or receive a citation for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol — either by military or civilian authorities — will report with their commanders, first sergeants and supervisors to the 469th ABG commander within 24 hours of the incident.

Family members who are arrested or receive a citation are strongly encouraged to accompany their sponsors.

Persons who are involved in a DUI incident on a weekend or holiday will

report the next duty day.

All active duty parties must report for this mandatory appointment in service dress. Additionally, the member's unit must provide a copy of the security forces blotter entry or a summary of the incident using information provided by law enforcement members or witnesses to the offense.

The policy is not intended to be considered a prejudgment of the person's guilt or innocence. Also, the policy is not to be considered punishment, but merely an educational process to inform individuals of the potential ramifications of a DUI.

The safety and welfare of Team Rhein-Main and reduction of DUI offenses remains a top priority.





Closure Corner

This section is devoted to giving the Rhein-Main Community the most up-to-date information concerning base closure issues. All dates presented in this section are subject to change based on: manpower figures, personnel assignment information and ongoing U.S. Air Forces in Europe coordination.

Civil Engineers

Q: When will housing supplies and loaner furniture be turned in?

A: The housing loaner furniture will be turned in by attrition according to individual's PSC dates. Personnel residing off base, whose units will be remaining in the area, will receive letters 90 days from the drop-dead date. At that time, a scheduled date of pick-up will be established.

Q: When will buildings be turned over to the FRAPORT or German government?

A: The facilities will be returned when there will be no disruption to the mission operation, quality of life or security of the base and personnel. The buildings will be closed first and maintained until the return is actually feasible.

Q: What is required for buildings to be ready to be turned over?

A: The base real property office has a checklist for the preparation of the facilities prior to return. Pacific Architects and Engineers, our base maintenance contractor, will also perform an acceptance inspection of each facility before the paperwork is signed for the return. Any detailed questions can be made to PAE. (Semera Debbas at 330-8471)

Clinic

Q: When will the clinic close?

A: The clinic will cease operations at its current location on June 30, 2005. At that time, dental services will be permanently closed, but medical services will relocate to the main base.

Q: What alternate facilities can personnel use?

A: The clinic will establish an outpatient medical and aerospace medicine practice at an alternate location on the main base that will operate until Sept.

30, 2005. The Rhein-Main clinic will continue to offer full spectrum family medicine through Sept. 30, 2005 for our core population. Beginning Jan. 1, 2005, we will begin transferring care of non-core patients to other military treatment facilities suitable to each individual case. Core patients are active-duty military and their family members permanently assigned or TDY to the 469th Air Base Group or a member of a tenant unit of Rhein-Main.

Q: What medical services will continue until closure?

A: On Sept. 30, 2005, the Rhein-Main Clinic will be deactivated while an Independent Duty Medical Technician (IDMT) Aid Station will be stood up. The aid station will provide basic care for active-duty members only. Care for family members must be received at another military treatment facility or from the host nation. The aid station will have the resources to help coordinate care that is beyond their scope of practice. Full-spectrum pharmacy services will end June 30, 2005, but a fairly robust capability will remain at the alternate facility from July 1, 2005 through Sept. 30 2005. After Oct. 1, 2005, there will be very limited pharmacy services available.

Q: What if my dependents or myself develop a condition that the clinic is not able to treat? Will the member be released early?

A: This is a very complex question and would be based entirely on individual circumstances. Generally, we are able to find healthcare in Germany's military treatment facilities or the host nation that is comparable in quality and access as one would receive in the United States. The guidelines for DEROS curtailment for a medical issue will be essentially the same during the drawdown as they are currently.

Rhein-Main Force Protection— Your life depends on it

Worldwide caution public announcement

This caution is issued to remind U.S. citizens of the continuing threat of terrorist attacks. This Worldwide Caution expires on Sept. 19, 2004.

The U.S. Government remains deeply concerned about the security of U.S. citizens overseas.

■ U.S. citizens are cautioned to maintain a high level of vigilance, to remain alert and to take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness. We are seeing indications that Al-Qaida continues to prepare to strike U.S. interests abroad.

■ Al-Qaida and its associated organizations have most recently struck in the Middle East and in Europe but other geographic locations could also be venues for attacks.

■ Future Al-Qaida attacks could possibly involve non-conventional weapons such as chemical or biological agents as well as conventional weapons of terror. We also cannot rule out that Al-Qaida will attempt a catastrophic attack within the U.S.

■ Terrorist actions may include, but are not limited to, suicide operations, hijackings, bombings or kidnappings. These may involve aviation and other transportation and maritime interests, and may also include conventional weapons, such as explosive devices.

■ Terrorists do not distinguish between official and civilian targets. These may include facilities where U.S. citizens and other foreigners congregate or visit, including residential areas, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, schools, hotels and public areas.

U.S. citizens are encouraged to maintain a high level of vigilance and to take appropriate steps to increase their security awareness.

More information is available at <http://travel.state.gov>.

(Information courtesy of U.S. State Department)



Photo by 2nd Lt. Uriah Orland



The only healthy 'dip'

Guy Parker, 469th Air Base Group deputy commander, competes in the Push, Pull and Dip Competition March 19 at the base fitness center. Parker finished third with a total of 141 points (19 pull-ups, 68 push-ups and 54 dips). Andrew Shepherd, 64th Replacement Company, won the competition with 163 points (15/120/28). Markos Drossos, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, took second with 155 points (15/115/25).

Sports Briefs

Varsity softball

The 469th Air Base Group Services Flight is currently accepting applications for the head coaching position of the men's varsity softball team.

Contact Staff Sgt. Wade Washom at the fitness center.

Fitness hours

Following is the aerobics schedule for the Rhein-Main base fitness center. For more information, call 330-6062.

Monday

- 12:15 - 1 p.m. – spinning
- 6 - 7 p.m. – spinning
- 7 - 7:30 p.m. – core training

Tuesday

- 6:30 a.m. – commander's PT (open to everyone)
- 6 - 7 p.m. – variety pack

Wednesday

- 12:15 - 1 p.m. – cardio crunch & munch
- 6 - 7 p.m. – kickboxing
- 7 - 8 p.m. – Yogilates

Thursday

- 6 - 7 p.m. – step
- 7 - 7:30 p.m. – core training

Friday

- 12:15 - 1 p.m. – cardio crunch & munch
- 6 - 7 p.m. – spinning

Saturday

- 9:30 - 11 a.m. – variety pack

Varsity basketball

The Rhein-Main Rockets Men's Varsity Basketball Team finished third in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Small Units Basketball Tournament March 25 at RAF Alconbury, England.

Rhein-Main lost 66-57 to RAF Alconbury in the semifinal game. Alconbury won the tournament by defeating Menwith Hill 79-68.

The Rockets made it to the final four for the second straight year with a 105-65 shellacking of RAF Fairford. John Cook led Rhein-Main with 33 points. Cook and Ryan Postalwait were selected for the all-tournament team.

Rhein-Main Unit Fitness Challenge

Winners from the March 26 fitness challenge included:

1st place team

469th Air Base Group
Fire Department

2nd place team

64th Replacement Company
"A" team

3rd place team

469th ABG Civil Engineer Flight

Push-ups

(70) Bruce Mitchell, 726th
Air Mobility Squadron

Sit-ups

(66) Rob Harrington, 469th ABG
Services Flight

Dips

(49) Gabriel Villanueva,
469th ABG FD

1.5-mile run

(8:44) Matthew Hansen, 469th
ABG Clinic

1,000-meter row

(1:27) Daniel Yakich, 469th ABG FD

The auto skills center holds an auction April 17. Preview begins at 10 a.m., the auction at noon.